

**May 1, 2003 Meeting Minutes**

**TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE #3.1.1**

**Thursday, June 5, 2003**

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
-TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE-**

**May 1, 2003**

**MINUTES**

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES SUMMARIZE ACTIONS THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TOOK AT THE MAY 1, 2003 MEETING. AUDIOCASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG OFFICES.**

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) met at SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

**Voting Members Present**

Mayor Ron Roberts, Chair  
Mayor Lee Ann Garcia, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Harry Baldwin  
Councilmember Ron Bates  
Councilmember Hal Bernson  
Councilmember Lou Bone  
Councilmember Art Brown  
Supervisor Yvonne Burke  
Mayor Lawrence Dale  
Vice Mayor Gene Daniels  
Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung  
Councilmember Judy Dunlap  
Mayor Richard Dixon  
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger  
Councilmember Gary J. George  
Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog  
Vice Mayor Robin Lowe  
Supervisor Judy Mikels  
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Miller  
Councilmember Llewellyn Miller  
Councilmember Pam O'Connor  
Mayor Gary Ovitt  
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis  
Councilmember Will Pieper  
Mayor Bea Proo  
Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt  
Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway  
Supervisor Charles V. Smith  
Mayor Pro Tem Cameron Smyth  
Councilmember Dick Stanford  
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.  
Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga

**Representing**

City of Temecula  
City of Grand Terrace  
City of San Gabriel  
City of Los Alamitos  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Tustin  
City of Buena Park  
County of Los Angeles  
City of Barstow  
City of Paramount  
City of Laguna Niguel  
City of Inglewood  
City of Lake Forest  
City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG  
City of Redlands, SANBAG  
City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG  
City of Hemet, RCTC  
County of Ventura  
City of Corona  
City of Claremont  
City of Santa Monica  
City of Ontario  
City of Cathedral City, CVAG  
Desert Hot Springs, CVAG  
City of Pico Rivera  
Las Virgenes Malibu Subregion  
City of Newport Beach  
County of Orange County  
City Santa Clarita, North LA County  
City of Azusa  
City of Pasadena  
City of Long Beach

**Voting Members Absent**

**Representing**

Supervisor Paul Biane  
Mayor George Cole  
Mayor Bill Davis  
Councilmember Joy Defenbaugh  
Mayor Pro Tem John R. Fasana  
Councilmember Ruth Galanter  
Councilmember Eric Garcetti  
Mayor Larry Grogan  
Councilmember Nate Holden  
Councilmember Robert Hunter  
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs  
Mayor Pro Tem Tim Keenan  
Councilmember Lowenthal  
Mayor Patsy Marshall  
Councilmember Keith McCarthy  
Councilmember Keith Millhouse  
Mayor Mark Nuaimi  
Councilmember Nick Pacheco  
Mayor David A. Spence  
Mayor Pro Tem Tom Sykes  
Councilmember Paul Talbot  
Councilmember Linda Wilson  
Council Member Dennis Zine

County of San Bernardino  
City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG  
City of Simi Valley, VCTC  
Riverside, WRCOG  
City of Duarte, SGVCOG  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Los Angeles  
City of El Centro, IVAG  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Victorville  
City of El Segundo  
City of Cypress, Orange County COG  
City of Long Beach  
City of Buena Park, Orange County COG  
City of Downey  
City of Moorpark, VCOG  
City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC  
City of Los Angeles  
City of La Canada Flintridge, Arroyo Verdugo Cities  
City of Walnut  
City of Alhambra  
City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG  
City of Los Angeles

**Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present**

Rose Casey

**Representing**

Caltrans, Los Angeles

**Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent**

Board Member

Rotating Board Member

**Representing**

California, DOT

Air Resources Board

**Transportation Commissions – Vacant**

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ron Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:00a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments presented at this time.

**3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Lowe) SECONDED  
and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

**3.1 Approval Item**

**3.1.1 April 3, 2003 Meeting Minutes**

### **3.2 Receive and File**

#### **3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Report**

#### **3.2.2 2003/2004 Legislative Summaries**

## **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1 AB 684 (Dutra) – Public Transit Smart Cards**

Tonya Gorham, Government Affairs, presented the item. Ms. Gorham provided background information of AB684 that would require publicly owned transit operators who chose to implement a smart card system to comply with specified requirements. In addition, the bill would also require the Department of Transportation along with these transit agencies to establish a committee of smart card system managers. The goal of AB 684 is to attempt to set a standard for interoperability of various smart cards in the state. She indicated in the SCAG region VCTC has implemented the Smart Card system and other agencies as MTA and OCTA are in the process of implementation.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support AB684.

### **4.2 SB 465 (Soto) Transit Village Plan**

Charlotte Eckelbecker, Government Affairs, presented the item. Ms. Eckelbecker provided background information for the bill introduced by Senator Nell Soto which would permit cities and counties to prepare transit development districts within ¼ to ½ mile of rail transit station. She noted the bill SB465, would require that 20% of new or rehabilitated housing be available for low and moderate income families and it would establish redevelopment within a transit village redevelopment project area.

It was MOVED, SECONDED, and UNANAMOUSLY APPROVED to support SB 465 Transit Village Plan

### **4.3 SB 541 (TORLAKSON)- Motor Vehicle Fuel License Tax**

Ms. Tonya Gorham, Government Affairs presented the item. Ms. Gorham shared details of SB 541. The bill introduced by Senator Torlakson, February 20, 2003 would index the state excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel to the inflation rate. She indicated the bill would also seek to increase the tax rate further to backfill any revenue reductions to the Transportation Congestion Relief Fund or Transportation Investment Fund. She stated SB 541 is consistent with SCAG's Adopted 2003 Legislative Program, which outlines Transportation Financing as a priority and directs legislative staff to develop and support legislative proposals to increase transportation funding through innovative financing concepts such as user fees and sales tax on motor vehicle fuels. She further added SB 541 would require the excise tax rate be adjusted annually to replace any gasoline sales tax revenues not transferred to the Transportation Investment Fund or the Traffic Congestion Relief Fund.

It was MOVED, SECONDED with the MAJORITY to OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED to approve SB 541 with the following amendments: 1) No Retroactivity. 2) Money is dedicated to the State Road Transportation Fund. 3) 3% cap on the COLA. 4) SB 541 to sunset in 5 years. 5) Criteria that would preclude the State from taking any monies for General Fund purpose.

**4.4     Aviation Plan Variations**

Supervisor Judy Mikels presented an overview of the Aviation Task Force meeting held in April. The task force reviewed two 2030 forecast variations. She stated none of the variations include El Toro Airport. She noted both constrain Los Angeles Airport to its existing capacity and one variation assumes a longer economic recovery period for the airlines, little airport development and no Maglev. The second variation assumes a faster economic recovery and a third runway at Ontario as well as Maglev. Supervisor Mikels stated the Task Force's recommendation is to take both forward to be evaluated in the program EIR for the RTP. Staff made a presentation of both scenarios.

Mr. Denny Zane representing the city of El Segundo spoke during public comment. Mr. Zane expressed staff had addressed any concerns and stated the city was satisfied with the scenarios. He noted the first concern was to assure the overall regional aggregate growth reflects the changes in the industry. The second concern was the projection for Ontario that may reflect some political resistance in the region to the development of the airport. He recommended they be moved forward to be evaluated for the EIR. He thanked staff for their efforts.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY to evaluate two aviation plan variations.

**5.0     INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 5.1     National 1-10 Freight Corridor Study  
Item deferred due to timing constraint

**6.0     CHAIR REPORT**

Councilmember Llewellyn Miller, City of Claremont and Councilmember Cameron Smyth, North L.A. County were introduced as new RC members.

**7.0     STAFF REPORT**

There was no staff report.

**8.0     FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**9.0     ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Ron Roberts adjourned the meeting at 11:45 pm. The next Transportation and Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2003.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hasan Ikhrata", written over a horizontal line.

Hasan Ikhrata, Director,  
Planning & Policy Department